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APPLYING PERMANENT INK

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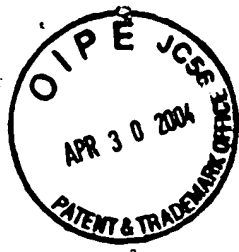
application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 10-0447, under Order No. 56048-00003USPT. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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